

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, May 9, 2005, at 2 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 2066–2112; and; 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 144, and H. Res. 257, 259–262, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 258, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1268, making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 109–73).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Gingrey to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. M. Susan Peterson, Senior Pastor, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Francis C. Goodpaster Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1082, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Illinois Avenue in Vinita, Oklahoma, as the “Francis C. Goodpaster Post Office Building”;

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Honorable Judge George N. Leighton Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1542, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Pleasant Street in New Bedford, Massa-

chusetts, as the “Honorable Judge George N. Leighton Post Office Building”;

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Calling on the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor to the Special Court for Sierra Leone: Debated yesterday, May 3: H. Con. Res. 127, calling on the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor, former President of the Republic of Liberia, to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to be tried for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 155;

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Recognizing the 60th anniversary of VE Day and the Liberation of Western Bohemia: Debated yesterday, May 3: H. Res. 195, recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day and the Liberation of Western Bohemia, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 419 yeas and none voting “nay”, Roll No. 156; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of Western Bohemia by United States Armed Forces during World War II and the continued friendship between the people of the United States and the Czech Republic.

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Recognizing the 60th anniversary of VE Day during WWII: Debated yesterday, May 3: H. Res. 233, amended, recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (V–E) Day during World War II, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 158.

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Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 1185, to reform the Federal deposit insurance system, by a yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 157. **Pages H2919–37**

Agreed that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services printed in the bill be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Rejected:

Rohrabacher amendment that sought to strike section 3 of the bill. **Pages H2932–35**

Withdrawn:

Maloney amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have changed some wording in section 3, regarding the definition of Standard Maximum Deposit Insurance amount; and add a new subparagraph regarding Conditions for Increased Deposit Insurance Coverage. **Pages H2931–32**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H2937**

H. Res. 255, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act: The House passed H.R. 366, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to strengthen and improve programs under that Act, by a recorded vote of 416 yeas to 9 noes, Roll No. 154. **Pages H2896–H2917**

Rejected the George Miller (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education & the Workforce with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 153. **Pages H2915–17**

Agreed that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education & the Workforce printed in the bill be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H2905**

Agreed to:

Castle amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–69) that provides that funding for Tech-Prep activities are held harmless to the amount that was appropriated to the Tech-Prep in FY05 in order to reinforce the consolidation of the Tech-Prep program with the Basic State Grant program; **Pages H2912–13**

Wu amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–69) that allows states to use funds designed to facilitate the transition of vocational and career education students into baccalaureate degree programs; and **Pages H2913–14**

Millender-McDonald amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–69) that provides that local funds

may be used for programs that assist in the training of automotive technicians in diesel retrofitting, hybrid, hydrogen, and alternative fuel automotive technologies. **Pages H2914–15**

H. Res. 254, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2916–17, H2917, H2918, H2918–19, H2935–36 and H2936. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to Review the Federal Crop Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Keith Collins, Chief Economist and Chairman Federal Crop Insurance Corporation; and Ross J. Davidson, Jr. Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FISCAL YEAR 2006 APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security approved for full Committee action the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES FISCAL YEAR 2006 APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006.

SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 869, To amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by